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RE Official information request WCD 9729 HNZ3116

I refer to your email dated 17 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from **Te Tai o Poutini West Coast**. Specifically:

- **Since 2010, how many pregnancies in the district have been terminated after a scan for fetal anomalies/birth defects? Displayed by year.**

Until April 2022 termination of pregnancies for women from Te Tai o Poutini West Coast were carried out in Waitaha Canterbury. Therefore, there were nil terminations on Te Tai o Poutini West Coast.

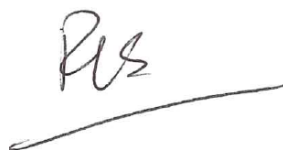
Termination of pregnancies for fetal anomalies/birth defects is a second trimester termination. These are carried out in Waitaha Canterbury, and include women who have been referred to Waitaha Canterbury.

As Te Tai o Poutini West Coast does not hold this data, we are declining your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. we do not hold this information.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,



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